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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF SACLANTCEN
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1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF PO/78/32 DATED 20 MARCH
1978, WHICH DISCUSSES APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF SACLANTCEN
AND PROPOSES THE APPOINTMENT BE FORMALLY AGREED BY THE
DPC THROUGH SILENCE PROCEDURE BY 3 APRIL 1978.

BEGIN TEXT:

TO: PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (DPC)

FROM: SECRETARY GENERAL

- APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF SACLANTCEN

- THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE SACLANTCEN WILL BECOME
VACANT ON 15TH JULY, 1978, WHEN THE CONTRACT OF THE
PRESENT INCUMBENT, MR. S. FALCK, EXPIRES.
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- 2. THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRE PROVIDES THAT THE
DIRECTOR SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF SACLANT, WHO NOW INFORMS ME AS FOLLOWS:

- "AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE RECORDS AND
- INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON THE CANDIDATE, SACLANT

- AGREED WITH THE SCNR AND RECOMMENDS
- MR. BASIL W. LYTHALL FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR,
- SACLANTCEN, FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS FROM
- 15TH JULY, 1978".

HOWEVER THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, WHILE ENDORSING SACLANT'S RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. B.W. LYTHALL, HAVE STATED THAT THE EXACT TIMING OF THE APPOINTMENT IS TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SACLANT (MCM-11-78).

- 3. I THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT MR. BASIL W. LYTHALL, WHOSE CURRICULUM VITAE IS ATTACHED, BE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE SACLANTCEN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS AFTER 15TH JULY, 1978 FROM A DATE TO BE DETERMINED. IF NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL ARE RECEIVED WITHIN 15 DAYS I WILL THEREAFTER CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT TO BE FORMALLY APPROVED BY DPC AND WILL INFORM SACLANT ACCORDINGLY.

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ANNEX TO PO/78/32

- CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. BASIL W. LYTHALL

B.W. LYTHALL, CB, MA
CHIEF SCIENTIST (ROYAL NAVY) AND DEPUTY CONTROLLER R&D
ESTABLISHMENTS AND RESEARCH "A"

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- MR. B.W. LYTHALL WAS BORN ON 15TH MAY, 1919. IN 1940 HE GRADUATED AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY WITH A WARTIME BA HONOURS DEGREE IN PHYSICS, AND PROCEEDED TO MA IN 1946.
- IN DECEMBER 1940 HE JOINED HM SIGNAL SCHOOL, LATER TO BECOME THE ADMIRALTY SIGNAL AND RADAR ESTABLISHMENT, AND FROM THEN UNTIL THE END OF 1953 HE WAS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS BRANCHES OF RADAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE MICROWAVE FIELD. FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS OF THIS PERIOD HE SPECIALISED IN AERIAL PRACTICE, INCLUDING RESEARCH ON NOVEL FORMS OF MICROWAVE LENSES, AND TOOK CHARGE OF THE STATION TASKED WITH ALL NAVAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS FIELD.
- IN 1954 HE MOVED TO THE ADMIRALTY RESEARCH LABORATORY, TEDDINGTON, TO JOIN A NEW GROUP WORKING ON UNDERWATER ACOUSTICS RESEARCH, AND LATER IN THE SAME YEAR WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR PRINCIPAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF EXPLORATORY RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEMONSTRATION OF ADVANCED PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.

- IN 1957 HE BECAME ASSISTANT DIRECTORY OF PHYSICAL RESEARCH AT THE ADMIRALTY, LONDON, RESPONSIBLE FOR RESEARCH PROGRAMMES, PARTICULARLY ON SENSORS BOTH ABOVE AND UNDER-WATER, UTILISING ACOUSTICS, ELECTRONICS AND OTHER PHYSICAL SCIENCES. IN OCTOBER 1958 HE WAS PROMOTED TO DCSO RETURNING TO THE ADMIRALTY SIGNAL AND RADAR ESTABLISHMENT AS DEPUTY CHIEF SCIENTIST IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED WITH RADAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN NAVAL DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS.

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR CLASSIFICATION AND PRECEDENCE

- IN 1960 MR. LYTHALL MOVED TO PORTLAND TO BECOME THE FIRST CHIEF SCIENTIST OF THE NEWLY CREATED ADMIRALTY UNDERWATER WEAPONS ESTABLISHMENT. THIS WAS AN AMALGAMATION OF THE FORMER HM UNDERWATER DETECTION ESTABLISHMENT AND THE UNDERWATER WEAPONS ESTABLISHMENT. THE LATTER HAD ITSELF BEEN FORMED IN 1959 FROM THREE EARLIER ESTABLISHMENTS IN GREENOCK, HAVANT AND BOURNEMOUTH, SO THAT THE NEW COMPLEX REPRESENTED THE FINAL STAGE OF AN ADMIRALTY PLAN FOR THE CONCENTRATION INTO A MAJOR ESTABLISHMENT AT PORTLAND OF FOUR HITHERTO SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNDERWATER FIELD.

- IN 1964 MR. LYTHALL WAS APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE ADMIRALTY BOARD IN LONDON AS CHIEF SCIENTIST (ROYAL NAVY)

AND DEPUTY CONTROLLER FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. AS
CS(RN) HE WAS SCIENTIFIC ADVISER TO THE BOARD AND
RESPONSIBLE FOR RELEVANT STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH
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PROGRAMMES. AS DC(R&D) HE WAS RESPONSIBLE TO THE
CONTROLLER OF THE NAVY FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THE NAVAL
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, FOR RESOURCE ALLOCA-
TION AND MANNING OF R&D ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOR LINE
MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES.

- WHEN THE MOD PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE WAS SET UP IN
1971, MR. LYTHALL, WHILE RETAINING THE POSITION OF CHIEF
SCIENTIST (RN), BECAME A DEPUTY CONTROLLER OF RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND RESEARCH IN THE NEW
ORGANIZATION. IN THIS CAPACITY HE IS EXECUTIVELY
RESPONSIBLE FOR A LARGE GROUP OF NAVAL-ORIENTED R&D
ESTABLISHMENTS, AS WELL AS THOSE LABORATORIES DOMINANTLY
CONCERNED WITH APPLICATIONS OF ELECTRONICS FOR ALL
THREE SERVICES AND FOR MARITIME AND ELECTRONIC RESEARCH
SPONSORED BY MOD IN INDUSTRY AND UNIVERSITIES.

- MR. LYTHALL'S NATURAL LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH AND HE HAS
A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH. DURING HIS CAREER HE HAS
PARTICIPATED IN MANY NATO COLLABORATIVE ORGANIZATIONS
AS WELL AS IN BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE UK AND
OTHER NATO NATIONS. END TEXT.

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